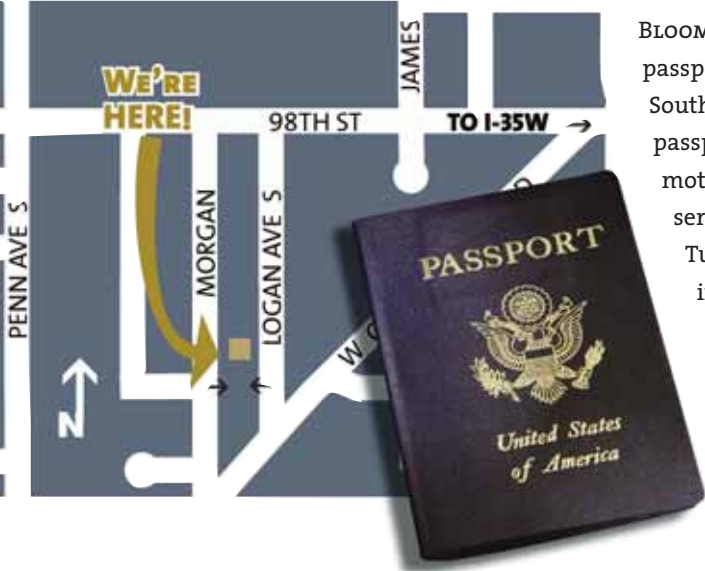


New Service

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE APPROVED AS PASSPORT AGENT



BLOOMINGTON’S MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE NOW ACCEPTS passport applications. Located at 9930 Logan Avenue South, the Motor Vehicle Office also provides passport photo service, driver’s license renewal, and motor vehicle, boat, snowmobile and ATV licensing services. Hours are Monday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Passport, or call 952-563-8719.

ELECTIONS HELD THIS FALL

HERE ARE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE MOST frequently asked questions regarding the 2004 elections.

- Q. When are the elections?**
A. State Primary Election: September 14.
State General Election: November 2.
- Q. What offices will be on the ballot in 2004?**
A. U.S. President and Vice President.
U.S. Representative District 3.
State Representative Districts 40B, 41B and 63B.
State Judicial Offices.
County Commissioner District 5.
- Q. When are polling places open?**
A. Polling places are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Q. Can I get time off from work to vote?**
A. Yes. Minnesota law allows you to take time off from work without loss of salary or wages to vote during the morning of state elections.



- Q. Where do I vote?**
A. There are 32 precinct-polling locations in Bloomington. Vote at your assigned precinct. Precinct maps and locations will be published in the August and October Bloomington Briefings. For more information, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Voting, or call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729.



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

IMPROVING THE LIFE OF CITY STREETS

THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT Bloomington streets are serviceable, safe, functional and maintained at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of residents and the traveling public.

Public Works relies on the Pavement Management Program to identify, inventory and track street condition. Under the program, selected streets receive an overlay (resurfacing the top-wearing pavement) or a full reconstruction (complete rebuilding of the pavement structure). For the best use of maintenance dollars, staff regularly updates the condition of each street in a database. This ensures the right maintenance at the right time.

In 2004, the City will reconstruct 5.1 miles, overlay 7.4 miles and sealcoat 40 miles of residential roadways. For more information, call Engineering at 952-563-4870. For a complete listing of proposed street projects, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Construction.



CLEANING UP AFTER WINTER

STREET SWEEPING BEGINS

AROUND THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, STREET Maintenance launches its annual spring-cleaning campaign to rid city streets of debris, dirt and sand left over from a winter of ice control. A clean sweep of all Bloomington streets takes about six to eight weeks.

To protect Nine Mile Creek and larger lakes from pollutants, streets in those areas are swept first. Crews work two weekday shifts, beginning at 4 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m., and then move into neighborhoods. Sweeping starting points are rotated each year.

Remember to keep a safe distance from street-cleaning equipment in operation. For more information, call 952-563-8760. View updates on the Bloomington Channel 14 and on the City’s Web site at ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: My world.



WORKING TOGETHER

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT PROVIDES REAL-LIFE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR DEMANDING DUTIES, police officers and firefighters must train regularly. They need to be well versed in the latest techniques that help them protect and serve the community. To help public safety personnel better face their on-the-job challenges, a joint public safety training facility opened last December. Approximately 600 police and fire personnel will regularly use the facility that provides real-life training opportunities. The \$6.5 million state-of-the-art facility features two indoor police firing ranges, classrooms and a defensive tactics training area.

Fire training facilities include a 6,000-square foot fire tower, residential fire structure and outdoor areas for simulated fire rescue scenarios.

The Southwest Metropolitan Joint Public Safety Training Center, located at 7525 Braemer Boulevard in Edina, is a collaborative effort of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Police Department and the Fire and Police Departments of the cities of Eden Prairie, Edina and Bloomington. Financing is shared by each of the entities based on the number of career or volunteer personnel.

Facility director Kevin Kelleher, a former Bloomington Police Sergeant and recently retired Wayzata Police Chief, said the training facility is a great achievement for Bloomington and its surrounding communities.

“The public safety training facility is truly an important investment in our communities,” Kelleher said. “The performances of our police and fire personnel will save lives.”

